

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on
Wildlife & Fisheries

January 9, 2014



Proposed Orders

- NRC – For Information
 - License Updates to Align with 2013 PA 108 (WCO Amendment No. 2 of 2014)
- NRC – For Action
 - Allowable Uses of Salvaged Deer Resulting from Collision with Motor Vehicle (WCO Amendment No. 1 of 2014)
 - Fish Disease Control (Fisheries Order 245)



NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
- Wildlife Chief Update
- WCO Updates to Align with 2013 PA 108
- Elk Season Results
- Wolf Season Results





Fisheries Division Update

Department of Natural Resources

Jim Dexter, Chief
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January 9, 2014



Fisheries Update



- Coho Salmon fry losses
- Michigan Fishing Tournament web application
- Michigan Inland Lakes Convention
- Warm water Resources Citizen Steering Committee
- Fisheries Order 245
- Upcoming Citizen Fishery Advisory meetings



Any Questions?

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Thank You!



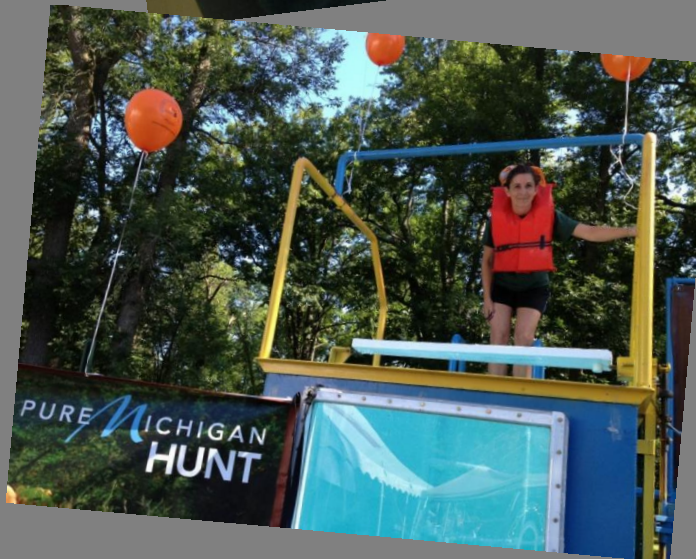
Wildlife Division Update



**Russ Mason, Chief
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Pure Michigan Hunt



Pure Michigan Hunt

- **Total for 2013:**
 - 38,080 apps sold to 13,261 customers
 - Revenue generated = \$152,320
 - 2013 up from 2012
 - ~30% more applications sold
 - ~40% more people purchased applications
 - Average of 3 applications per person
- **Total for 2012**
 - 29,295 apps sold to 9,484 customers
- **Total for 2011**
 - 29,408 apps sold to 10,864 customers



Supplemental Deer Feeding

- Early and severe winter
 - Snow depth trigger values reached for supplemental feeding of deer in UP
 - By permit
 - Avoid using inappropriate foods (e.g., corn toxicity)
 - <http://www.michigan.gov/wildlifedisease>



Outdoor Life: Open Country Award

- Inaugural Winner! Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Outdoor Life - “*Shine a light on sportsmen’s access*”
 - Celebrate those efforts that retain and create access
- On-the-Ground Initiative
 - Thank you MUCC!



Thank You

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Implementing 2013 PA 108

- Amendments to ~30 sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order
- No regulatory changes, only new license structure alignment/terminology
- Effective date March 1, 2014



Base License

- Replaces the Small Game License
- Will be required to purchase any other hunting and trapping license
- Includes the opportunity to hunt small game
- Mentored youth license program will include base license privileges
- Pure Michigan Hunt winners should receive a base license
- Not required to purchase a fishing license



Deer Licenses

- The firearm deer license and bow and arrow deer license no longer exist under the new structure. This amendment includes:
 - Antlerless Deer License
 - Deer License
 - Deer Combination Regular
 - Deer Combination Restricted



Application Fees

- Under 2013 PA 108, all application fees were increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00

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HUNT



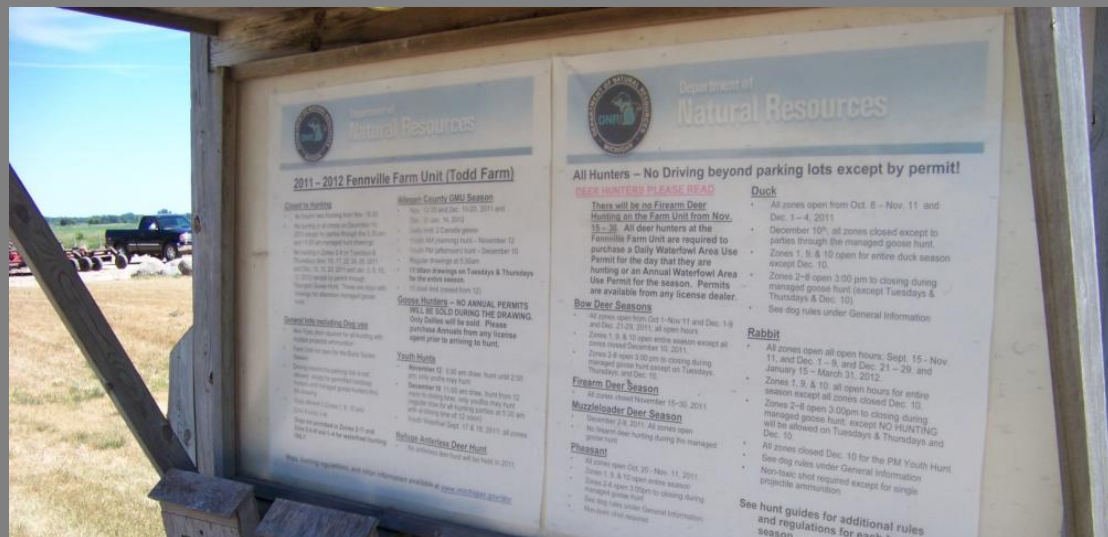
Nonresident Furbearer

- Nonresidents will not be able to trap any furbearer with a bag limit: badger, otter, bobcat, fisher, or marten
- Free kill tags for otter, bobcat, fisher, and marten may only be used by residents



Managed Waterfowl Areas

- Fee eliminated for managed waterfowl permits
- Hunters will still need a free zone permit acquired on-site



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Elk Season Results



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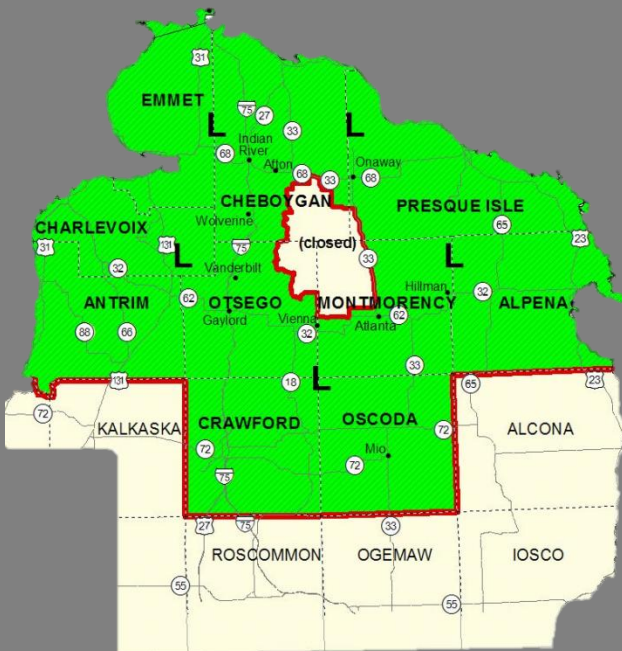
2013 Elk Season Summary

- Objective:
 - License Quota: 200
 - Expected Quota Harvest: 170
 - Expected Total Harvest: 190
- Results: 182 Legally + 4 Illegally Harvested
 - 163 by state quota hunters
 - 3 by Pure Michigan hunters
 - 16 by tribal hunters

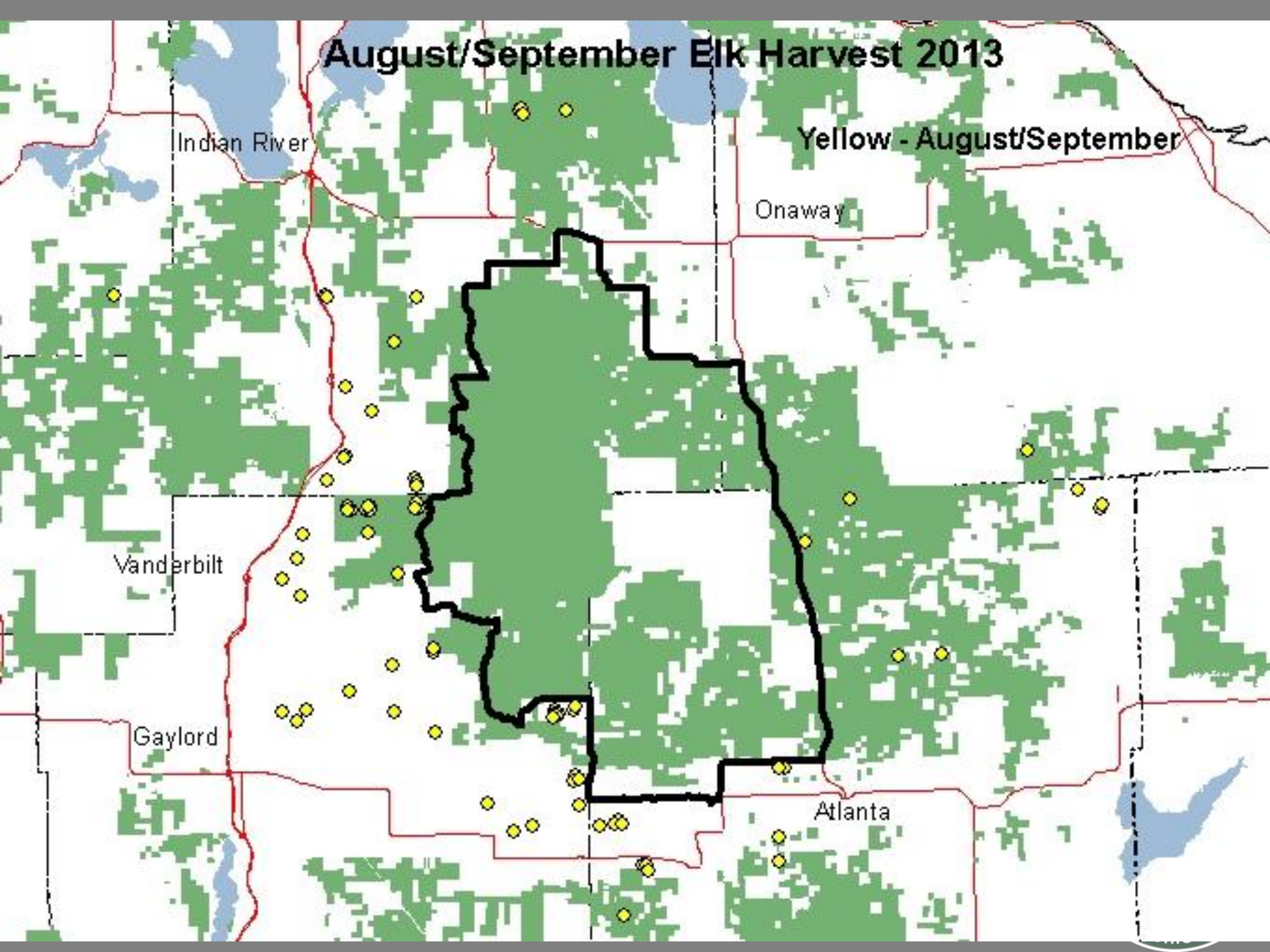


Elk Harvest – Hunt 1

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest
 - State hunter harvest: 70 legally harvested elk
 - 30 antlered elk (bulls)
 - Including harvest by two Pure Michigan Hunters
 - 40 antlerless elk (cows and calves)
 - 68% success (similar to previous years)
 - Tribal harvest: 5 harvested elk
 - 4 antlered elk (bulls), 1 antlerless elk (cow)
 - Illegal harvest
 - 2 adult elk by a non-hunter accompanied by a licensee

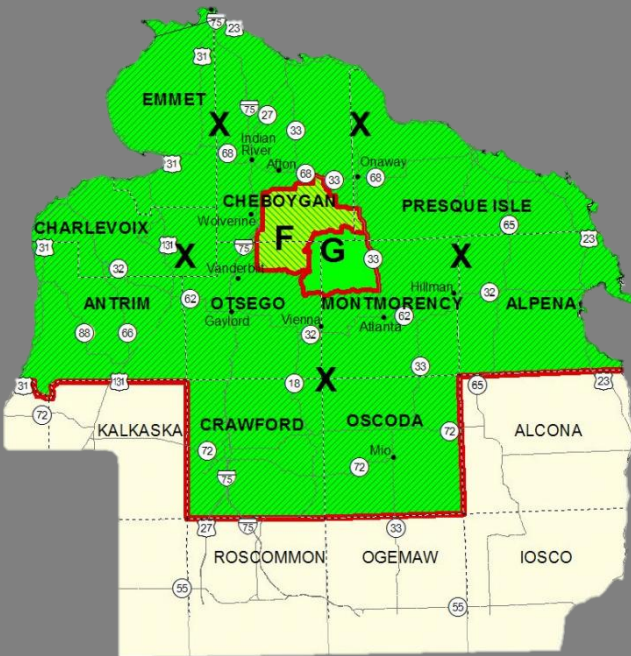


August/September Elk Harvest 2013



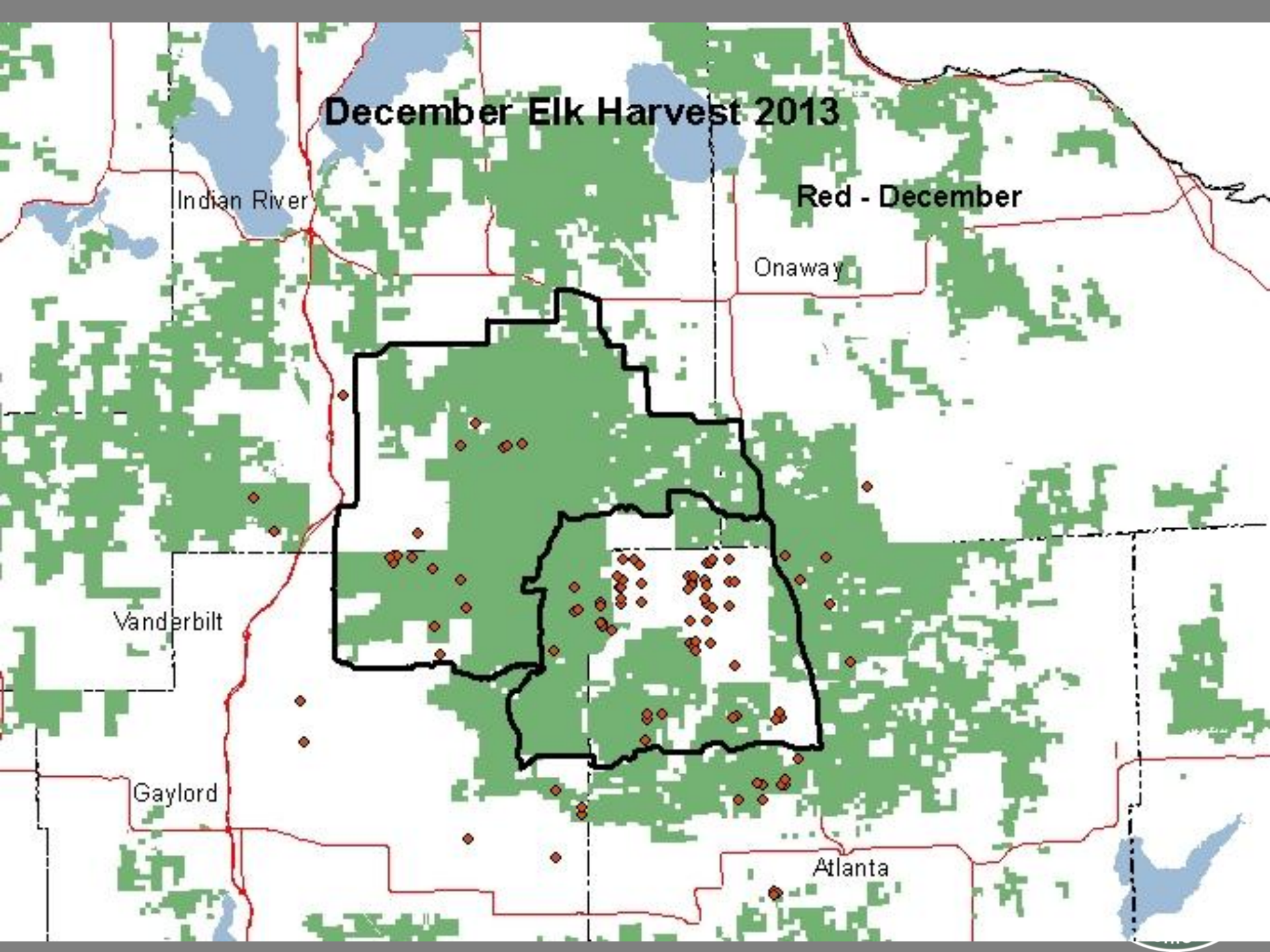
Elk Harvest – Hunt 2

- Hunt Period 2 Harvest
 - State hunter harvest: 93 legally harvested elk
 - 30 antlered elk (bulls)
 - Including harvest by one Pure Michigan Hunter
 - 63 antlerless elk (cows and calves)
 - 95% success (similar to previous years)
 - Tribal harvest: 11 harvested elk
 - 3 antlered elk (bull)
 - 6 antlerless elk (cows and calves)
 - 2 unknown
 - Illegal harvest
 - 2 bulls taken on antlerless tags



December Elk Harvest 2013

Red - December



Thank You

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Wolf Season Results



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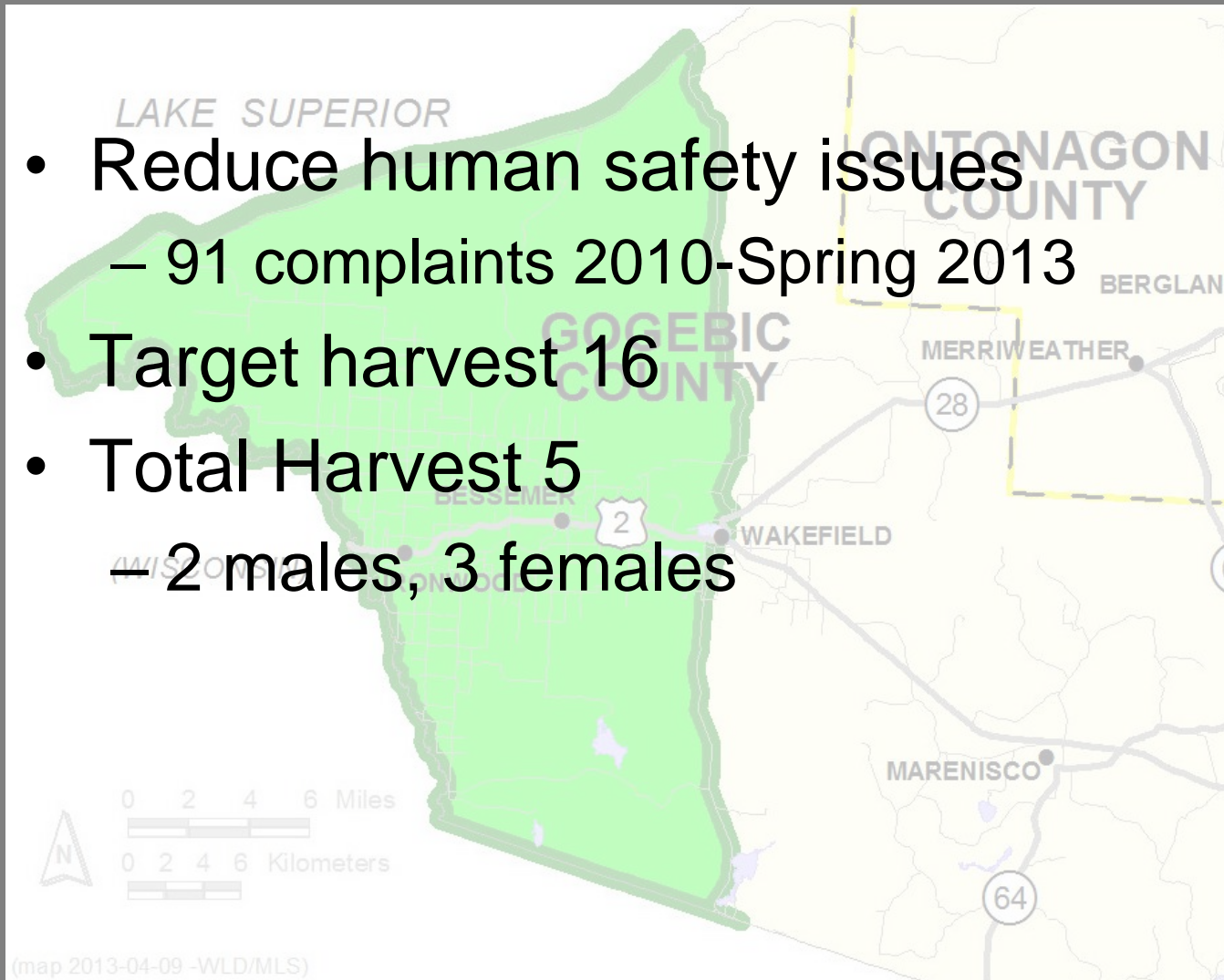
2013 Wolf Season

- 1,200 licenses sold
- Season began November 15, 2013
- Implementation went smoothly
- Target harvest: 43
- Actual harvest for the season: 23



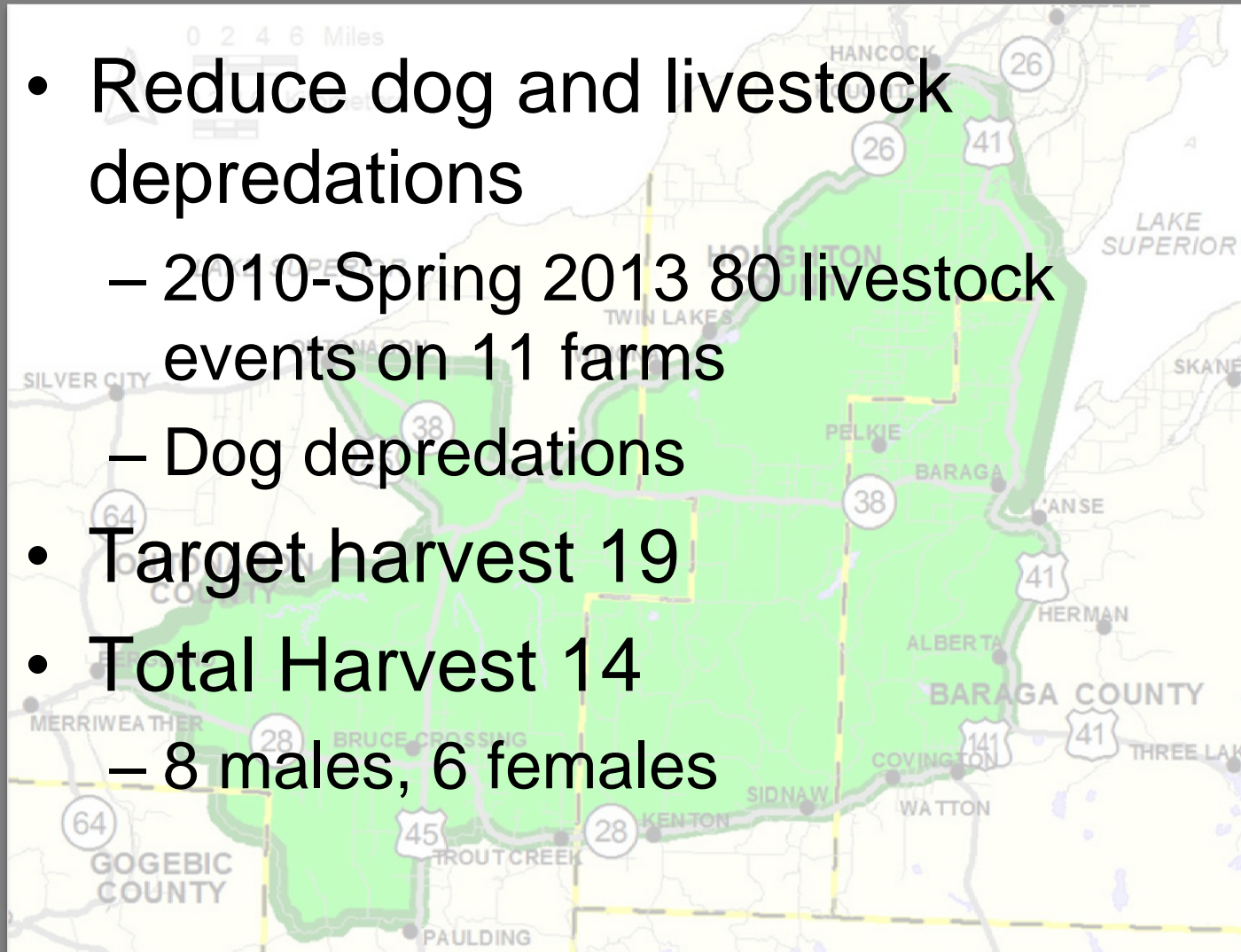
Season Recommendation: WMU A

- Reduce human safety issues
 - 91 complaints 2010-Spring 2013
- Target harvest 16
- Total Harvest 5
 - 2 males, 3 females



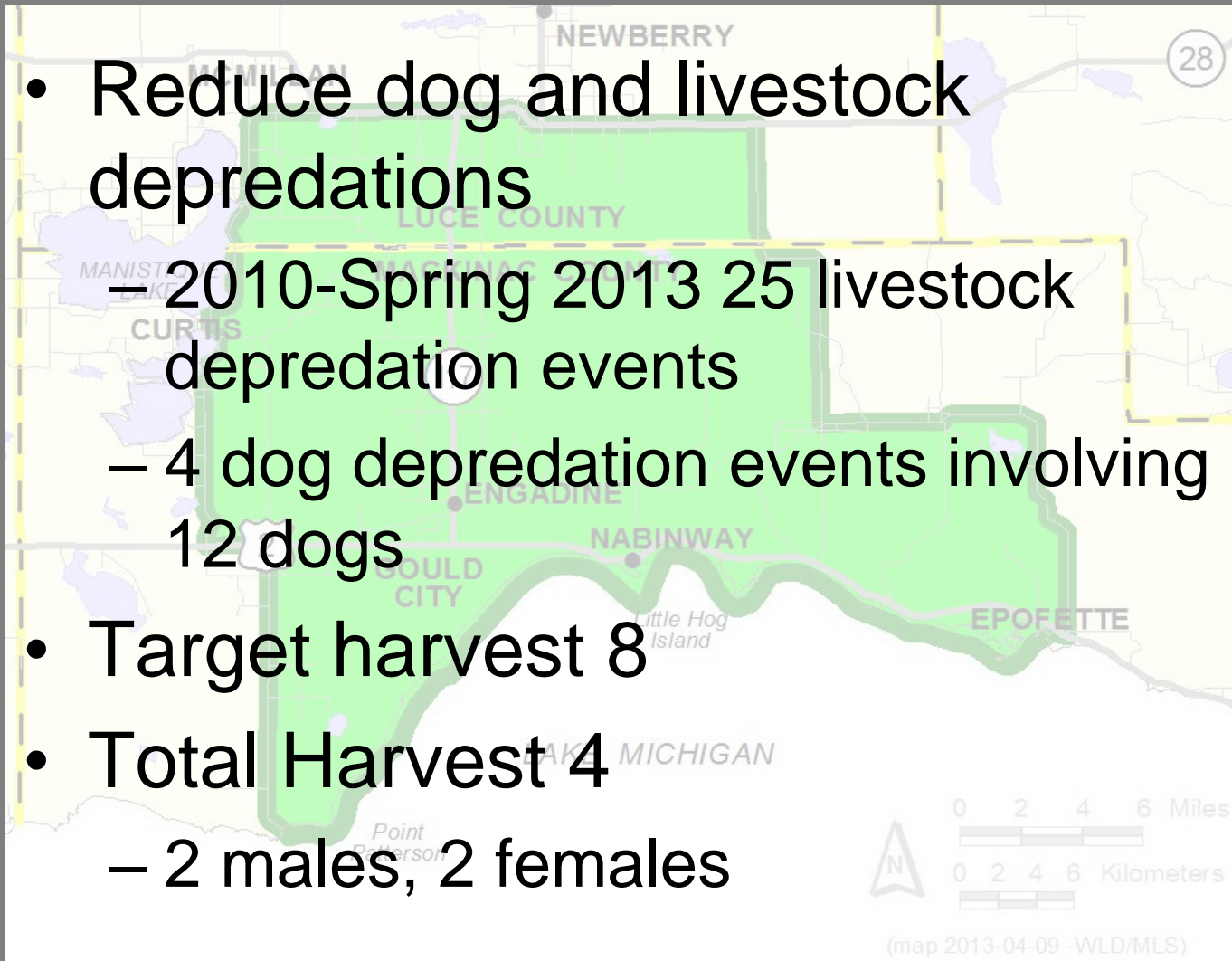
Season Recommendation: WMU B

- Reduce dog and livestock depredations
 - 2010-Spring 2013 80 livestock events on 11 farms
 - Dog depredations
- Target harvest 19
- Total Harvest 14
 - 8 males, 6 females



Season Recommendation: WMU C

- Reduce dog and livestock depredations
 - 2010-Spring 2013 25 livestock depredation events
 - 4 dog depredation events involving 12 dogs
- Target harvest 8
- Total Harvest 4
 - 2 males, 2 females



Season Details

- All units remained open through December 31
- Harvested wolves are being aged
- Hunter survey is in progress via mail/online



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